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3. EIS CONCEPT ALTERNATIVES, OPTIONS, AND MODULES,
- 1 Section 3.3 contains no consideration of air transport of waste materials. This is an alternative that should be considered due to public anxiety about health and safety during transportation. The air transport business has a safety record that is much more reliable than the road and rail record. Air transport would avoid many of the security issues that the public is voicing as well as the Nevada road and rail building.
  - 2 Assumptions in **2.2.11 Waste Package Performance** such as "The waste package analysis shall be conducted past 10,000 years to gain insight into longer system performance," and "The waste package shall provide public safety protection beyond first 10,000 years" are ridiculous considering there is little we can point to in civilization that has maintained integrity over 10,000 years – maybe a few cave paintings not subject to the thermal stresses you intend.
  - 3 The DEIS expected annual dose to an average individual living 20 km from repository shall not exceed 25 mrem from all pathways is still in excess of the 15mrem that the EPA says is safe. The idea that 25 mrem is expected is totally unacceptable.

Sincerely

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CC: Representative Dennis Kucinich  
Representative Stephanie Tubbs-Jones  
Senator George V. Voinovich  
Senator Michael DeWine

January 27, 2000

Dear Representative Dennis Kucinich 1730 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Representative Stephanie Tubbs-Jones 1516 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Senator Michael DeWine 140 Russell Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senator George V. Voinovich 317 Hart Senate Office Building  
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- 4... I am unalterably opposed to HB 45 and S1287, the Yucca Mountain High Level Waste Bills. I feel that the nuclear waste issue needs more current and open debate about what to do with the dangerous residues.
- 5 After attending the DOE public meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, I am convinced that this legislation is the best argument for campaign finance reform that I have ever heard. The House sponsor of HB45, Fred Upton, R-MI, has \$7,000 listed as contributions from electric power utilities in 1997-98. The Senate sponsor of S1287, Frank Murkowski, R-AK has \$115,465. listed as contributions from electric power utilities in 1997-98. Each of you have received corporate contributions from electric power utilities:
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| Kucinich    | \$3,791.  |
| Tubbs-Jones | \$2,000.  |
| DeWine      | \$9,500.  |
| Voinovich   | \$31,030. |
- Figures are from Project Vote Smart for the years 1997-98. Because of these corporate contributions, each of you must explain how your allegiance to the peoples' interest and safety can be believed.
- 4 cont. The spokesperson Wendy Dixon, was competent in explaining the process of the DOE mission. But only the Congress can explain why we are pursuing a 1980's agenda of dump it all in Yucca Mountain, an earthquake prone area sacred to the Western Shosone, opposed by 70% of Nevada's citizens and all of its Congressional members
- 6 Representative Kucinich's statement at that public meeting addressed the health and safety concerns of citizens in Cleveland. That the section of Ohio with the greatest amount of people will become a funnel for much of the nuclear waste in the Northeast is of particular concern to us. I ask that the Ohio caucus get together to make sure that the State of Ohio demands alternate routing; and that funds are mandated for emergency training for each community along the route.
- 7 I demand legislation providing for reduction of energy company inventories. If their cooling ponds are full, each rod taken gives them more storage space for new production, at unbelievable continuing expense to the public. This charity to energy power utilities. We in Northeast Ohio have already given.

I close my objections with the sincere hope that some rational debate comes out of your efforts.

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